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**For updated information about deer season issues call the
WI DNR Hunting Season Information Line 1-800-282-0367**

Front cover: "Hunter-in-training" Nicholas Gasser and his father Michael Gasser (of Mount Horeb) hunt during an early 2005 season in an Iowa County CWD management unit. Nicholas was too young to purchase a license last year, but enjoys going along with his father and older brother. He is looking forward to taking the Wisconsin Hunter Education Course and becoming a next generation hunter.

What's New in 2006 for Units Outside the CWD Zones

- **No October Antlerless Hunt** — The October “Zone-T” hunt will *not* take place this year in Herd Control (Zone-T) or Earn-A-Buck (EAB) units. As part of a trial season structure, *there will be no October 4-day Antlerless Only Deer Hunt.*
- **December 7–10 Antlerless Only Deer Hunt** — There will be an antlerless only hunt held in *all units statewide (including those units north of Hwy. 8)* except state park units and non-quota units.
- **Two-Day Either Sex Youth Hunt Oct. 7–8** — The Youth Hunt will be a two-day hunt held *in all units statewide (including those areas west of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad that are not posted as closed areas)*, except State Park units and non-quota units. The Youth Hunt will be open for either sex deer with the appropriate buck or antlerless carcass tag and weapon. See page 38 for details.
- **No Hunter’s Choice** — The sale of Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags will replace the Hunter’s Choice application and drawing for those Regular deer management units with a limited number of antlerless permits available. Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags for Regular units (see map on pages 28–29) will be sold on a first come, first served basis for \$12 (non-resident \$20) starting **August 26 at noon**. These will be sold online, by phone, or at any license vendor until sold out.
- **First-time Hunter Education Graduates** — Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tags are no longer valid for an antlerless deer for those individuals who graduated from a Wisconsin Hunter Education course in the year preceding the deer hunting season. This year, first-time Hunter Education graduates may instead receive a free Special Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag. This carcass tag is valid for an antlerless deer during any open season with the appropriate license and corresponding weapon, and may only be obtained through a DNR Service Center (see page 7 for details).
- **Carcass Tags** — In order to simplify tagging instructions, carcass tags now identify what type deer they are valid for (buck or antlerless), in which unit(s) they are valid, and with which weapons they are valid. Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags are not weapon specific. See pages 22–27 for details.
- **Earn-A-Buck Prequalification** — Individuals who registered an antlerless deer in 2005 in a unit that is designated EAB in 2006 have prequalified and will be mailed a buck authorization in August. You may check your mailing address and prequalification status at dnr.wi.gov. See page 27 for 2007 prequalification information.
- **Non-CWD State Park Hunting** — This year admittance to those state parks with limited permits will be done on a first come, first served basis. No consideration will be given based on previous preference point status. Permits for state park hunting in those parks with limited access will go on sale **Saturday, August, 26 at noon**. State parks with limited hunting access include Brunet Island State Park (23A), Council Grounds State Park (52A), Rib Mountain State Park (57D), Perrot State Park (61A), Harrington Beach State Park (69C), Wildcat Mountain State Park (72A), Wyalusing State Park (73A), Loew Lake Unit of Kettle Moraine State Forest (77D), Kohler-Andrae State Park (77E), and Peninsula State Park (80C). See pages 30–34 for details.
- **Disease Surveillance Testing** — This year the DNR will be doing disease testing in the West Central Region. See pages 45–47.
- **River Block Units** — The River Block units, 59D, 73B, 59M, 61, 74A, and 74B, are no longer restricted with special regulations. These units are now treated the same as other non-CWD units and are under the same season structure and regulations as the rest of the state (outside the CWD zone).
- **Tree Stands on State Lands** — Identification tag requirements for tree stands on state lands have changed (see page 36).

Dear Wisconsin Deer Hunter:

There are big changes in store this year. After a year of hard work by deer hunters and deer hunting groups statewide, we have a deer season structure that was endorsed by all major deer hunting groups. This is a great example of the progress that can be made by working together.

These changes remove the Hunter's Choice program and replace it with sales of Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags in deer management units with a regular season structure. We have also placed a two-year trial moratorium on the October gun hunt. The October gun hunt will be replaced by a December antlerless deer hunt held in all units statewide, a youth hunt in October, and \$2 Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags in Herd Control and EAB units. With each license purchase hunters will continue to get one free Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag valid in Herd Control units (formerly called "Zone-T units") or Earn-A-Buck units. Additional Herd Control Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags will be available for only \$2. You can purchase as many of these tags as you would like.

The October hunt moratorium is a two-year trial. If the antlerless deer harvest in Herd Control units does not equal the antlerless harvest under past October antlerless hunts, the October hunt will come back. Our deer population continues to be well above goal and to make this trial effective, hunters need to harvest two antlerless deer for every buck harvested in Herd Control and EAB units.

This year outside the CWD zone there are 21 EAB units and 53 Herd Control units. Getting the herd to goal will be a challenge, but I am confident that hunters will rise to the challenge and start us down the road towards goal.

Thank you for your commitment to our hunting tradition. Have a safe and enjoyable season.

*Keith Warnke
Big Game Specialist*

Internet License Sales and Applications

Resident and non-resident customers can purchase their hunting licenses and submit their special permit applications via the Internet. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the DNR website at dnr.wi.gov. Licenses that do not have a back tag, carcass tag, or harvest report card can be printed at home. Other licenses will be delivered by mail within 7 to 10 days. When submitting special permit applications, the customer will receive an immediate, printable confirmation that their application data was received. Visit the DNR website or call 608-266-2621 for more information.

**Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags
go on sale Saturday, August 26 at noon at any license vendor
or online at dnr.wi.gov.**

License and Privilege Information

| License | Resident | Non-Resident |
|--|----------|--------------|
| Conservation Patron | \$165 | \$600 |
| Conservation Patron Junior (12-17 year olds) | \$75 | \$77 |
| <i>Privileges Included:</i> Small Game, Spring and Fall Turkey Licenses and Stamp, Pheasant Stamp, Deer Firearm, Archery, General Fishing, Trapping (proof of certification or exemption required), State Fishing and Waterfowl Stamps, and most permit fees. DNR Magazine subscription, vehicle admission to state parks and related areas (including State Trail Pass) are included in the Conservation Patron license, but not in the Conservation Patron Junior license. | | |
| Sports | \$60 | \$275 |
| Sports Junior (12-17 year olds) | \$35 | \$36 |
| <i>Privileges Included:</i> General Fishing, Small Game, Deer with Firearm | | |
| Gun Deer | \$24 | \$160 |
| Junior Gun Deer (12–17 year olds) | \$20 | – |
| <i>Privileges Included:</i> Deer with Firearm | | |
| Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag | | |
| Herd Control Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag One free with license | \$0 | \$0 |
| Additional Herd Control Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag | \$2 | \$2 |
| Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag | \$12 | \$20 |
| Archery | \$24 | \$160 |
| Junior Archery (12–17 year olds) | \$20 | – |
| <i>Privileges Included:</i> Small Game and Deer may be harvested with a bow. | | |

All licenses are available at DNR Service Centers (see page 55), authorized license agents, online at dnr.wi.gov or over the phone at 1-877-WI LICENSE (1-877-945-4236).

Licensing Requirements

- Hunters must carry their valid hunting license on their person while engaged in hunting and exhibit it to a Conservation Warden upon request.
- Hunters must meet Hunter Education requirements in order to obtain a license (see page 6).
- It is illegal to allow someone else to use or carry your license, tag or buck authorization or for you to use or carry some other person's license, tag or buck authorization when engaged in hunting.
- No person less than 12 years old may obtain a license which authorizes hunting.
- To receive a duplicate license, you must turn in all remaining parts of the lost license to a license vendor (available from any license sales agent).

Deer Permits, Carcass Tags and Licenses

- See pages 22-27 for detailed instructions.
- While hunting, no person may possess a validated carcass tag (of any kind) unless it is attached to a legally killed deer.
- It is illegal to possess, move or transport an untagged deer. The proper carcass tag must be immediately validated and attached to the harvested deer.
- A Gun Deer License is required to hunt deer with a firearm (including muzzleloaders).
- An Archery License is required to hunt deer with bow and arrow (or crossbow by qualified individuals as described on page 10 under “Bows, arrows and crossbows”).
- Your **backtag must be displayed** where it can be clearly seen in the center of the back of the hunter’s outermost garment. **Note:** the backtag number must not be hidden by a coat hood, displayed upside down or be marked up in any manner.
- A Class A or C Disabled Permit authorizes the holder to kill a deer of either sex with a firearm on a Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag during any open firearm deer season.

See **CWD Hunting Regulations** pamphlet for special requirements in CWD units.

Resident Licenses

To purchase a resident hunting license:

- a person must have maintained a permanent residence in this state for 30 consecutive days immediately before purchasing a license. Domiciliary intent is required. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes where the person votes, pays personal state income taxes, or obtains a driver’s license. Mere presence in the state for a 30-day period and/or ownership of property is not sufficient to establish residency.

Non-resident students attending school in Wisconsin:

- Full-time non-resident students in residence at **any** public or private Wisconsin college, technical college, or university offering a degree or foreign citizens residing in the state and attending a Wisconsin high school or a university agricultural short course, may purchase Gun Deer, Archery, Sports, Small Game and Fishing licenses at resident prices.

Effective Dates

- All hunting licenses are effective immediately after purchase and with the opening of the specific seasons, except Archery Licenses purchased after the opening of the deer season.
- **Archery Licenses** purchased after the open season for deer begins are not valid until 3 days after the purchase, excluding day of purchase (Example: A license purchased on a Monday is valid on Thursday), except for qualified U.S. Armed Forces Members. See page 7 for details.
- **Gun Deer Licenses** may be purchased during any open deer season.
- All 2006 deer hunting licenses expire on March 31, 2007.

Hunter Education Requirements

Persons born on or after January 1, 1973, must present their Wisconsin Hunter Education certificate (or proof of a hunter safety course recognized by the Department from another state, province or country), previous year’s Wisconsin hunting license, or proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard to purchase any hunting license. A certificate of successful completion of a Bow Hunter Education course can be used to purchase an Archery License. Contact your local DNR office for course information or visit our web site at dnr.wi.gov.

First-time Hunter Education Graduates

Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tags are no longer valid for an antlerless deer for those individuals who graduated from a Wisconsin Hunter Education course in the year preceding the deer hunting season. This year, first-time Hunter Education graduates may receive a free Special Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag valid in any unit statewide (except non-quota units), including Regular units. This carcass tag is valid for an antlerless deer during any open season with the appropriate license and corresponding weapon. This Special Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag is only available to first-time graduates of a Wisconsin Hunter Education course and can only be obtained through a DNR Service Center.

Adult Supervision Required

A parent or guardian (at least 18 years of age) must accompany hunters 12 and 13 years of age. **Accompanied** means within sight and voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device (other than a hearing aid).

Persons under the age of 12 may not possess a firearm or hunt unless participating in a DNR Learn to Hunt event or Hunter Education Course.

Armed Forces Members

Armed Forces members are entitled to the following:

- Exemption from Hunter Education requirements (see page 6).
- A U.S. Armed Forces member who exhibits proof that he or she is a **Wisconsin resident**:
 1. in **active service, outside of the state**, with the U.S. Armed Forces or forces incorporated in the U.S. Armed Forces, and
 2. is on **furlough or leave**, may harvest one deer of either sex during any firearm deer season established by the department with his or her Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag.
- **Any U.S. Armed Forces member or member of forces incorporated in the U.S. Armed Forces** who exhibits proof of **active service** and that he or she is:
 1. **stationed in the state**, or
 2. is a **resident on furlough or leave**, is exempt from the 3 day waiting period for Archery or Conservation Patron Licenses purchased after the season opens.
- **Any non-resident active duty U.S. Armed Forces member or member of forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces stationed in Wisconsin** may purchase any hunting, trapping, or fishing license at resident prices.

Armed Forces members are not exempt from the need to purchase a valid deer hunting license.

Disabled Hunters

A qualified disabled person may obtain a permit to hunt from a stationary vehicle and/or use a crossbow. Class A and C disabled hunters are authorized to harvest deer of either sex with their regular Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag during any gun deer season. This means that a hunter with a Class A or Class C Disabled Permit may fill their one regular Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag with:

1. an antlerless deer
2. a buck during the December antlerless only deer hunt, or
3. a buck in EAB units without the need to shoot an antlerless deer first.

Contact a DNR Service Center for details. Allow 30-60 days for processing.

Important: Disabled permits issued prior to 1989 expired in 1994. If you possess an old permit, which has no expiration date, contact your local DNR Service Center.

General Deer Hunting Regulations

Blaze Orange Clothing Requirements

In any area of the state where a firearm deer season is open (including the regular 9-day hunt, muzzleloader season, October 7-8 Youth Hunt, December 4-day antlerless only hunt, or CWD hunts), no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Camo-blaze which is 50% blaze orange is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended.

Note: Blaze orange requirements do not apply to those hunters participating in legal night hunting (i.e. raccoon) from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

Hunting Hours:

- See tables on pages 50-53 for specific daily legal hours. The legal hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset.

Firearm and Bow Restrictions

General Restrictions

It is illegal to:

- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- hunt with any means other than a firearm discharged from the shoulder or a bow and arrow. Handguns may be used as described under the "Handgun" section (page 10). Crossbows may only be used as described under the "Bows, arrows, and crossbows" section (page 10).
- possess any firearm from 12:00 midnight–11:59 p.m. on November 17, 2006 unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. **Exceptions:** target shooting at established target ranges and on private lands by landowners and immediate family members who live with them, waterfowl hunting during open season, hunting on licensed bird hunting preserves, and hunting small game in CWD Zones.

Note: An established target range means an existing location that is set up for target shooting with firearms as its major purpose.

- shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands you do not own (including public lands) without the permission of the owner or occupant of that building.
- hunt deer with ammunition loaded with full metal jacket, non-expanding type bullets.
- possess or control any shotshell loaded with single slug or ball while hunting, except during the gun season for deer or bear.
- possess while hunting, shot or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1–Dec. 12 (unless legally engaged in waterfowl hunting).

Note: Be sure to check with local authorities for local restrictions before using firearms in urbanized or populated areas.

Shotguns:

- Must have an overall 26" minimum length with 18" minimum barrel length.
- Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18" in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are in the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20 and 28. These are the only legal gauges for hunting deer.
- It is illegal to hunt deer with a .410 bore shotgun.

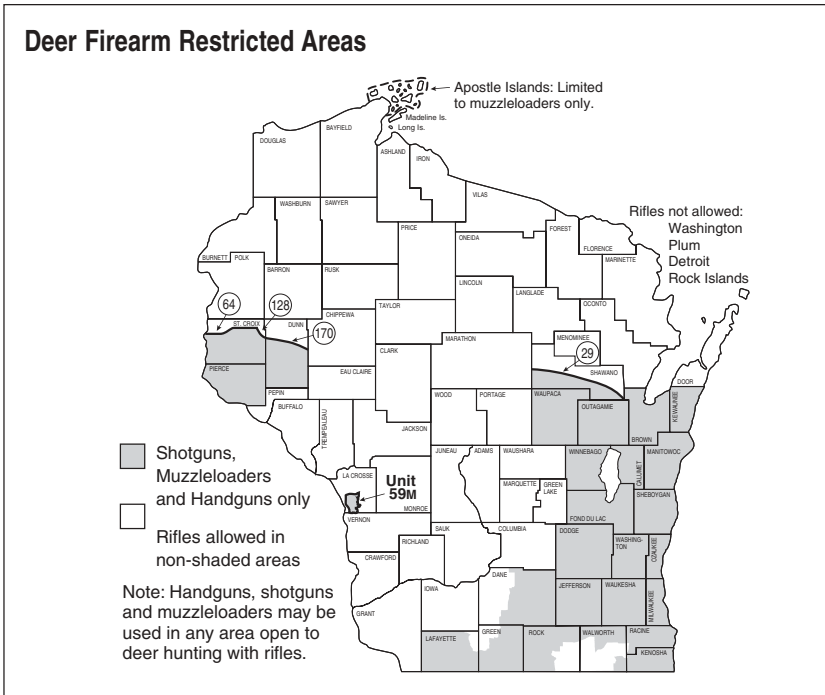
Firearm and Bow Restrictions *continued*

Rifles:

- Must have an overall 26" minimum length with 16" minimum barrel length.
- Are legal for hunting deer in areas not restricted to shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns only as indicated by non-shaded areas on map below.
- It is illegal to possess any rimfire rifle larger than .22 caliber or any center-fire rifle .22 caliber or larger during any gun deer season in shotgun only areas unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case.
- It is illegal to hunt deer with any air rifle, rimfire rifle, or any center-fire rifle less than .22 caliber.
- Any .22 caliber or larger center-fire rifle is legal to use to hunt deer in areas open to hunting deer with rifles (see map below).

Muzzleloaders

- Only smoothbore .45 caliber or larger and rifled .40 caliber or larger muzzleloaders, discharged from the shoulder, are legal for deer hunting. **During the 10-day muzzleloader only season (Nov. 27 - Dec. 6),** muzzleloaders must have a solid threaded breech plug, only be able to be loaded from the muzzle, and may not have telescopic sights (1 power or less are legal). Telescopic sights are legal to use on muzzleloaders during other firearm seasons. **Note: Inline muzzleloaders** are legal to use during the 10-day muzzleloader hunt with black powder or any black powder substitutes.
- Muzzleloaders may be used statewide in all areas open to hunting deer with guns.
- Only muzzleloading handguns .44 caliber and larger with a minimum barrel length of 7 inches measured from muzzle to breech face, that fire a single projectile weighing 138 grains or more are legal for deer hunting.



Firearm and Bow Restrictions *continued*

Handguns:

- To be legal for deer, handguns must use center-fire cartridges of .22 caliber or larger and have a 5 1/2 inch minimum barrel, measured from the firing pin to the muzzle with the action closed.
- You may not possess a concealed handgun.
- Muzzleloading handguns, see “Muzzleloaders,” page 9.
- It is illegal to hunt with a handgun if under age 18.

Bows, arrows, and crossbows:

- Bows must have a draw weight of 30 pounds or greater and metal broadheads must be at least 7/8 inches wide and kept sharp to hunt deer or bear.
- Crossbows are only allowed for resident hunters 65 yrs of age or older and any disabled hunters with a Class A, B, C, or crossbow permit. The crossbow must have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a working safety, and use at least 14-inch long bolts or arrows equipped with broadheads (requires an Archery License).
- Compound bows equipped with a draw-lock type mechanism/device that is capable of holding the bow at full draw are considered crossbows.
- **Compound bows equipped with a draw-lock type mechanism that holds the bow at full draw are exempt from the 100 pound draw requirement (30 pound minimum still applies).**
- You may not possess, while hunting, any crossbow (except as authorized above) or poison, drug or explosive tipped arrow.

Arms transportation:

- All firearms must be **unloaded and completely enclosed** within carrying cases designed to carry a firearm when **in** or **on** any vehicle whether moving or stationary. Bows and crossbows must be **unstrung or in a case** whenever **in** or **on** a vehicle. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued class A or B disabled permits.
- All firearms must be **unloaded** when **in** or **on** any motor driven boat while the motor is running. All bows/crossbows must be **unstrung or enclosed** within a carrying case when in or on any motor driven boat while the motor is running.
Note: Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a percussion muzzleloader or the flashpan is cleaned of powder on a flintlock muzzleloader; the ball and powder can remain in the barrel.
Note: A holster is not a legal carrying case for a handgun unless it completely encloses the handgun, so that no part of the handgun is visible.

Muzzleloader Only Deer Season

- A valid, unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag or Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag is required to participate in the muzzleloader only season.
- **During the 10-day muzzleloader only season (Nov. 27 - Dec. 6),** muzzleloaders (including muzzleloading hand guns) must have a solid threaded breech plug, only be able to be loaded from the muzzle, and may not have telescopic sights (1 power or less are legal).
- Blaze orange clothing requirements apply (see page 8).
- Legal buck deer may be harvested under the authority of an unused regular Gun Buck Deer License Carcass Tag only.
- The muzzleloader only season will be held statewide except in some state parks and metro units.
- Antlerless deer may only be harvested with unfilled Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags in units for which they are valid (see exemption for qualified military personnel and disabled hunters on page 7).

Group Deer Hunting Law

Group Hunting: It is illegal to kill game for another person **EXCEPT** that during a **deer firearm season only**, any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the party if they are all licensed and are all hunting with firearms. Members of a group deer hunting party should also agree in advance that a tag holder is willing to use their tag on a deer killed by another member of the party.

The following conditions are established by law to ensure that hunters are actively participating in the hunt, are in the field and do not harvest more deer than the group has tags for:

1. A group deer hunting party must be at least 2 or more hunters who are hunting together within sight and voice contact with one another.
2. Each hunter must be using a firearm and be licensed to hunt deer. Group deer hunting **is not allowed** to fill the Special Antlerless Deer Carcass tag issued to first-time Hunter Education graduates.
3. When the deer is killed, the hunter who kills the deer must be in either voice or visual contact with the hunter who will tag the deer. Temporary loss of voice or visual contact for a reasonable time due to terrain or weather conditions is acceptable.
4. Hunters may not use cellular phones, radio communications or other mechanical or electronic amplifying devices, (except hearing aids) to get someone to tag a deer. It is legal to use electronic devices for reasons *other than* getting someone to tag a deer.
5. The hunter for whom the deer is killed must possess a valid, unused carcass tag for the type of deer killed.
6. The hunter killing the deer may not leave the deer unattended until after the deer is tagged and the tag is validated according to the deer carcass tagging instructions (page 15). A hunter is attending a deer if the hunter can see the deer.
7. Group hunting requires all participants to possess firearms, therefore, convicted felons cannot participate in group deer hunting or allow use of their tag by any one else. Deer drivers are not required to possess firearms or hunting licenses.
8. The above conditions describe a legal group deer hunting party. All hunters must be present and hunting together in the same area to be a group deer hunting party. Hunters may not kill deer for persons who are not out in the field actively hunting with the party or are at other locations apart from the area where the hunter killed the deer.
9. Group deer hunting by adults that accompany a youth hunter during the two-day youth deer hunt on October 7 and 8 is **not** allowed. Adults may not gun deer hunt during the two-day youth hunt.
10. Group deer hunting is not legal for archery deer hunting.

Vehicle Restrictions

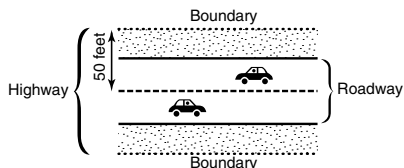
It is illegal to operate any vehicle, including, but not limited to, snowmobiles, bicycles, trail bikes, and all terrain vehicles on lands owned or under the control of the DNR and on federal waterfowl production areas, except where their use is authorized by posted notice or permit or in the case of Managed Forest Law and Forest Crop Law lands, authorization of the landowner. This prohibition does not apply to public roadways and trails held open to the public for the type of vehicle being operated.

Hunting Near Roadways

Highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road, but does not include private roads and driveways.

Roadway means the portion of the highway which is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.

Public road means those roads shown on the current, official county highway map available from the Department of Transportation.



It is illegal to:

1. Hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or
2. Discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow:
 - a. From or across a highway, or
 - b. Within 50 feet of the roadway's center.

The above prohibition applies to all public roads (defined above). However, anyone hunting small game with a muzzleloader or shotgun loaded with shot size BB or smaller is exempt from these prohibitions if the roadway is unpaved (dirt, sand or gravel). **Exceptions:** Certain exceptions are allowed for Class A and B Disabled Permit holders. Call the nearest DNR Service Center (page 55) for an explanation of these exceptions.

Shining

It is illegal to:

- use or possess with intent to use, a light (including vehicle headlights) for shining any wild animal while hunting or in possession of a firearm, bow or crossbow (includes laser sights on firearms, bows and crossbows).
- use or possess with intent to use, whether or not a firearm or bow is in possession, a light for shining wild animals (including vehicle headlights) between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from September 15 through December 31.
Note: Some areas may prohibit shining by local ordinance. Check with the local Sheriff's Department or township officials for local shining restrictions.
- shine at any time on federal refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas.

Exceptions: A flashlight may be used: 1) while shooting coyote, raccoon, fox, or unprotected species at the point of kill while hunting on foot, or 2) to find your way.

Use of Devices

It is illegal to:

- hunt any animal with the aid of an airplane.
- use any bow equipped with a draw-lock type mechanism that is capable of holding a bow at full draw while hunting.
Note: such devices are legal for use by individuals authorized to use crossbows, but must meet arrow and safety requirements described under "Bows, arrows and crossbows" on page 10.
- use or possess laser sights while hunting, except by Class C visually handicapped permit holders.
- use cell phones or two-way radios to call someone to tag a deer, but those devices can be used for other communication purposes while hunting.

Dogs

- It is illegal to hunt deer with dogs.
- Dogs are considered private property and are protected by law. Only Conservation Wardens may kill dogs chasing deer. Owners may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs.
- A dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is monitored or supervised by a person and the dog is on land that is open to hunting or on land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt or to train a dog.

Transport, Possession and Sale of Deer

It is illegal to:

- sell, purchase, or barter, or offer to sell, purchase or barter any deer or part thereof **except:** the head, skin, and antlers of any deer lawfully killed, when severed from the rest of the carcass.
- possess a deer with broken or removed antlers in an EAB deer management unit or during an antlerless only deer season, which makes determination of legality impossible.
- possess a deer carcass unless tagged and registered as required.
- possess deer antlers in velvet, spotted hides, albino or white deer which are entirely white except the hooves, tarsal glands, heads and parts of the head, unless special written authorization is obtained from the department.

Note: Deer with antlers in velvet or in spotted coat may be harvested during the open deer season, however, to keep the antlers or spotted hide the hunter must contact a Warden within 7 days of tagging the deer and request written authorization. The spotted hide and velvet antlers may not be sold or transferred to another. Albino and white deer may not be harvested without prior written authorization from the DNR.

- transport another person's unregistered deer unless accompanied by the person issued the carcass tag. Once registered, anyone may transport the deer.

Note: Residents and non-residents may transport legally possessed deer out of state once registered. However, other states may have transportation restrictions; be sure to check with the wildlife agency in the state you will be entering regarding import regulations. **Attention: for transportation requirements in CWD Zones see separate 2006 CWD Hunting Regulations pamphlet.**

Taking and Possession of Game

It is illegal to:

- take or possess any deer or wild animal which has been lawfully obtained by someone else without having that person's consent.
- not immediately kill all game taken and make it part of the daily bag.
- carelessly waste game. You must make every reasonable effort to retrieve all game killed or crippled. Until such effort is made, such game shall be included in the daily bag. This rule does not allow you to trespass without permission of the landowner nor shoot game beyond established shooting hours.
- possess any game unless you hold a valid hunting license or state permit carried on your person, unless you are hunting as a landowner, as explained on page 39.

**Pick up litter and
keep your hunting grounds healthy!**

Vehicle-Killed Deer Tagging and Possession

- Contact your Sheriff's Department to obtain a tag before moving the deer so that the carcass, or part of the carcass, can be legally possessed.
- No fee will be charged for a vehicle-killed deer tag. The tag is valid for 90 days.
- Any person may claim a deer that has been killed by a motor vehicle operated on a highway. The driver of a vehicle that accidentally collides with and kills a deer has first priority to the deer. If the driver does not want the deer, any other person who arrives at the scene may request a tag for the carcass.
- Albino or all white deer may not be possessed under a vehicle-killed deer tag.
- To keep the spotted hide or velvet antlers from a vehicle-killed deer you must contact a Conservation Warden before the 90-day tag expires for special written authorization to retain possession of these parts.
- Any person who has claimed and received a tag for a vehicle-killed deer must remove the entire deer carcass from the highway. It is not legal to remove parts of the deer and leave the rest.

Taxidermists

Any person that mounts wild animals, including deer heads, for a consideration or fee in Wisconsin must possess a valid taxidermist permit. Application information is available by contacting your nearest DNR Service Center (page 55). A copy of these regulations is available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cs/licenses.htm>.

Hunting Accidents

Any person involved in an accident in which a person is injured by gunfire or bow and arrow or crossbow while hunting or trapping must first render necessary assistance and then immediately report the incident to the local Warden, Sheriff or Police. In addition, every person involved in a hunting accident must render a written report to the DNR within 10 days.

Hunters' Code of Ethics

Positive hunter behavior and ethics will preserve the future of hunting and will help ensure continued opportunities and places to hunt. Ethics cover behavior related to issues such as respect, responsibility and fairness, which can not always be addressed with laws. Responsible and ethical hunters should always:

1. Respect Landowners

- Always know where you are hunting and gain permission before entering private lands. Know how to use a map, compass or GPS unit when needed.
- Be courteous, follow the landowner's rules and treat their property with respect.

2. Respect other Hunters

- Don't interfere or disrupt the hunt of another. Treat other hunters in a manner that you would expect to be treated.

3. Respect Non-Hunters

- Understand that not everyone supports hunting. While everyone is entitled to their own view, positive hunting behavior will not turn someone who is neutral into someone that is opposed.

4. Respect Wildlife and other Natural Resources

- Follow all hunting laws and report violations observed to your local warden.
- Assist or support landowners and the DNR with wildlife habitat projects.